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STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR PATRICK ON GENERAL CARTER

BOSTON – Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – The following is a statement from Governor Deval Patrick:

“For some months now, the U.S. Army has conducted a criminal investigation into allegations of misconduct by General Joseph Carter, Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard. I have now received their final report. Although the investigators were unable to reach definitive conclusions about the allegations and federal authorities declined to prosecute, the report raises serious concerns about the General's actions and his response to the allegations. It is clear to me that General Carter can no longer serve as Adjutant General. He has informed me today that he will retire from the National Guard and I have accepted his resignation.

This is a disappointing end to a thirty-year career of service leadership. But we agree that General Carter's resignation is in the best interest of the National Guard and the people of Massachusetts.

General Leon Scott Rice will continue to serve as the interim TAG. I have the utmost confidence that the men and women of the National Guard will continue to serve with professionalism and honor.”

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